

# Department of Planning, Building and Code Enforcement

JOSEPH HORWEDEL, ACTING DIRECTOR

#### **INITIAL STUDY**

PROJECT FILE NO.:PDC01-06-066

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Planned Development Rezoning from R-1-8 Residence Zoning District to A(PD) Planned Development Zoning District to allow five single family detached residential units

PROJECT LOCATION: East side of Narvaez Avenue approximately 220 feet northerly of Amanda Drive

GENERAL PLAN DESIGNATION: MLDR: 8DU/AC

**ZONING:R-1-8 Residential** 

SURROUNDING LAND USES: North, West and South: R-1-8 Residence; West: Agricultural across SR87

PROJECT APPLICANT'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Betty R. Burrous Trustee, P.O. Box 2395, Sunnyvale CA 94087

## **DETERMINATION**

## On the basis of this initial study:

	I find the proposed project could not have a significant effect on the environment, and a NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.							
$\boxtimes$	I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because the project proponent has agreed to revise the project to avoid any significant effect. A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.							
	I find the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT(EIR) is required.							
	I find the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, but at least one effect has been (1) adequately analyzed in a previous document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and (2) addressed by mitigation measures based on the previous analysis as described in the attached initial study. An EIR is required that analyzes only the effects that were not adequately addressed in a previous document.							
	I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, no further environmental analysis is required because all potentially significant effects have been (1) adequately analyzed in an earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION pursuant to applicable standards, and (2) avoided or mitigated pursuant to that earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION, including revisions or mitigation measures that are included in the project, and further analysis is not required.							
March 15, 2002 Date Signature								
	Name of Preparer: Sally Notthoff Zarnowitz Phone No.: (408) 277-4576							

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I. AESTHETICS - Would the project:					
a) Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?					1,2
b) Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock out-croppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway?				$\boxtimes$	1,2
c) Substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings?				$\boxtimes$	1,2
d) Create a new source of substantial light or glare that would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?					1,2
e) Increase the amount of shade in public and private open space on adjacent sites?					1,2
character of the proposed development.  II. AGRICULTURE RESOURCES - Would the project of the pro	ect:				1,3,4
California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use?  b) Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract?					1,3,4
c) Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland, to non-agricultural use?					1,3,4
DISCUSSION: The site is currently developed with a day care of recent past, and is not designated as 'farmland' on the important  III. AIR QUALITY - Would the project:				ing or g	grazing in
a) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?					1,14
b) Violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation?					1,14
c) Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is classified as non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard (including releasing emissions that exceed quantitative thresholds for ozone precursors)?				$\boxtimes$	1,14
d) Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?					1,14
e) Create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people?				$\boxtimes$	1,14

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- Sweep daily (preferably with water sweepers) all paved access road, parking areas, and staging areas at construction sites
- Sweep streets daily (preferably with water sweepers) if visible soil material is carried onto adjacent public streets
- Enclose, cover, water twice daily, or apply non-toxic soil binders to exposed stockpiles (dirt, sand, etc.)
- Install sandbags or other erosion control measures to prevent silt runoff to public roadways
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# IV. **BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES** - Would the project:

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a) Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?			1,10
b) Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?			1,6,10
c) Have a substantial adverse effect on federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc., through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?			1,6
d) Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites?			1,10
e) Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?			1,11
f) Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan?		$\boxtimes$	1,2

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MITIGATION MEASURES: Each tree to be removed shall be mitigated at the following ratios: Trees less than 12" in diameter shall be replaced with one 15 gallon tree; Trees 12" to 17" in diameter shall be replaced with two 24" box trees; Trees greater than 18" in diameter shall be replaced with four 24" box trees.

a) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an	$\square$		1,7,25
historical resource as defined in CEQA Guidelines §15064.5?			

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b) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15064.5?		$\boxtimes$			1,8,25
c) Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site, or unique geologic feature?		$\boxtimes$			1,8,25
d) Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries?					1,8,25

DISCUSSION: The project site is located in an area of archeological resources on the City of San Jose Archaeological Sensitivity Maps. A Cultural Resources Evaluation concluded that there is a potential for both prehistoric and historic resources to be located within the project area. The project area lies on the periphery of a major archaeological site containing human burials. Construction of the Guadalupe Highway 87 and Narvaez Avenue before it has damaged the site's edge, covering it to some degree with fill soil and pavement. There is a possibility that archaeological material might be more visible as a result of past agricultural use of the property. However, use of the existing buildings reduces the likelihood that archaeological material will be visible on the surface. Field survey did not find any prehistoric artifacts or soil deposits visible on the present surface. The potential for buried prehistoric material cannot be discounted anywhere in the general project area, but inherent field constraints and the presence of modern fill soils preclude our making an inspection that could confirm or deny the potential for discovery of buried prehistoric materials.

MITIGATION MEASURES: A qualified archeologist is required to monitor and sport check all grubbing and grading. Refer to the attached "Recommendations" section of the Cultural Resources Evaluation prepared for this site.

- 1) If no resources are discovered, the archaeologist shall submit a report to the Director of Planning verifying that the required monitoring occurred and that no further mitigation is necessary.
- IF significant cultural deposits other than human burials are encountered, the project should be modified to allow the artifacts or features to be left in place, or the archaeological consultant should undertake the recovery of the deposit or feature. It shall be required of all contractors that they inform all employees that no artifacts are to be removed from the area except through authorized procedures. Any artifacts that are found on or near the project area are to be turned over to. Or brought to the attention of, the inspector. Whenever any artifact is found or reported, a tag shall be included and if portable the artifact shall be transported to a safe location where it can be kept until it can be inspected by an archaeologist. The deposits shall be evaluated for determination of significance as defined by CEQA guidelines. Significant cultural deposits are defined as archaeological features or artifacts that associate with the prehistoric period, the historic era Mission and pueblo Periods and the American era up to about 1930. The archaeologist shall submit reports, to the satisfaction of the Director of Planning, describing the testing program and subsequent results. These reports shall identify any program mitigation that the Developer shall complete in order to mitigate archaeological impacts (including resource recovery and/or avoidance testing and analysis, removal, reburial, and curation of archaeological resources.)
- 3) In the event that human remains and/or cultural materials are found, all project-related construction shall cease within a 50-foot radius in order to proceed with the testing and mitigation measures required. Pursuant to Section 7050.5 of the Health and Safety Code and Section 5097.94 of the Public Resources Code of the State of California: In the event of the discovery of human remains during construction, there shall be no further excavation or disturbance of the site or any nearby area reasonably suspected to

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overlie adjacent remains. The Santa Clara County Coroner shall be notified and shall make a determination as to whether the remains are Native American. If the Coroner determines that the remains are not subject to his authority, he shall notify the Native American Heritage Commission who shall attempt to identify descendants of the deceased Native American. If no satisfactory agreement can be reached as to the disposition of the remains pursuant to this State law, then the land owner shall reinter the human remains and items associated with Native American burials on the property in a location not subject to further subsurface disturbance.

VI. GEOLOGI AND BOILS - Would the project.			
a) Expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving:			
1) Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as described on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault? (Refer to Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 42.)		$\boxtimes$	1,5,24
2) Strong seismic ground shaking?	$\boxtimes$		1,5,24
3) Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?	$\boxtimes$		1,5,24
4) Landslides?		$\boxtimes$	1,5,24
b) Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?		$\boxtimes$	1,5,24
c) Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse?			1,5,24
d) Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial risks to life or property?	$\boxtimes$		1,5,24
e) Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative wastewater disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of wastewater?			1,5,24

DISCUSSION: The project site is within the State of California Seismic Hazard Zone.

MITIGATION MEASURES: The project shall include standard and special engineering techniques as specified in the Uniform Building Code. A soil investigation report addressing the potential hazard of liquefaction must be submitted to and accepted by the City Engineering Geologist prior to the issuance of the Planned Development Permit. The investigation should be consistent with the guidelines published by the State of California (CDMG Spec. Publ.117) and the Southern California Earthquake Center ("SCEC" report). A recommended depth of 50 feet shall be explored an evaluated in the investigation.

VII. H	IAZARDS AND	HAZARDO	US MATERIALS :	- Would	the pro	1ect:
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a) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through	П		П	1
the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?	_	_		

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b) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment?				$\boxtimes$	1			
c) Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?				$\boxtimes$	1			
d) Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?					1,12			
e) For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?				$\boxtimes$	1,2			
f) For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?				$\boxtimes$	1			
g) Impair implementation of, or physically interfere with, an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?				$\boxtimes$	1,2			
h) Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires, including where wildlands are adjacent to urbanized areas or where residences are intermixed with wildlands?				$\boxtimes$	1			
DISCUSSION OF IMPACTS: The project site is not included o of industrial uses.			terials site	s and h	as no histo			
VIII. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY - Wou	ld the pro	oject:						
a) Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements?					1,15,21			
b) Substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that there would be a net deficit in aquifer volume or a lowering of the local groundwater table level		П			121			

requirements?			1,15,21
b) Substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that there would be a net deficit in aquifer volume or a lowering of the local groundwater table level (e.g., the production rate of pre-existing nearby wells would drop to a level which would not support existing land uses or planned uses for which permits have been granted)?		$\boxtimes$	1,21
c) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including the alteration of the course of a stream or river, in a manner which would result in substantial erosion or siltation on-or off-site?			1,21
d) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, or substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner that would result in flooding on-or off-site?		$\boxtimes$	1
e) Create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff?	$\boxtimes$		1, 21
f) Otherwise substantially degrade water quality?			1,21
g) Place housing within a 100-year flood hazard area as mapped on a Federal Flood Hazard Boundary or Flood Insurance Rate Map or other flood hazard delineation map?		$\boxtimes$	1,9
h) Place within a 100-year flood hazard area structures that would impede or redirect flood flows?		$\boxtimes$	1,9

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b)Exposure of persons to, or generation of, excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels?					1, 26
c) A substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?					1, 26
d)A substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?					1,
e) For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?					1
f) For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?				$\boxtimes$	1

DISCUSSION: b) Based on the noise report prepared for this project, noise exposures from Highway 87 will be as high as 68 and 71 DNL at first and second floor elevations. Thus, the noise exposures in the rear and side yards will be up to 8 dB in excess of the 60 dB DNL City of San Jose Noise Element standards. The interior noise exposures under future traffic conditions are predicted to increase to 53 and 56 dB DNL at first and second floors, respectively. The interior noise exposures will exceed the 45 dB DNL interior limit of the City of San Jose standards by up to 11 dB.

d) Construction activities associated with the proposed project would temporarily increase ambient noise levels in the project vicinity.

MITIGATION MEASURES: b) To meet the exterior and interior limits of the City of San Jose standards, the applicant shall include the following mitigation measures in the project: Construct an 8.5 ft. high acoustically-effective barrier along the property line contiguous with Narvaez Avenue. Turn the barrier to connect air-tight to the side of the house on Lot 1 and continue the barrier along the rear property line of Lot 1 at 8 ft. high, along the rear property of Lot 2 at 7 ft. high and along the rear property lines of Lots 3 and 4 at 6 ft. high. The barrier heights are in reference to the nearest building pad elevation.

Construct 6 ft. high acoustically-effective barriers at the north and south sides of Lot 5. Turn the barriers to connect air-tight to the sides of the house. Construct 6 ft. high acoustically-effective barriers between the homes on Lots 1-4.

Maintain closed at all times all windows of second floor and unshielded (not behind a noise barrier) first floor living spaces with a direct or side view of Highway 87. Install windows rated minimum Sound Transmission Class (STC) 31. Provide mechanical ventilation.

d) To reduce the temporary increase in noise due to construction activities, the project will be conditioned to include proper equipment mufflers, maintenance of equipment, and limitation of construction hours. Noise construction operations shall be scheduled for the daytime hours of 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM Monday through Friday so as to avoid the more sensitive evening, nighttime, and weekend hours. With these mitigation measures, the project's temporary construction noise impacts will be reduced to less-than-significant levels.

XII.	POPUL	ATION	N AND HO	OUSING - T	Would the project:

a	) Induce substantial population growth in an area, either directly (for			
	example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for			1,2
	example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)?			

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b) Displace substantial numbers of existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?					1	
c) Displace substantial numbers of people, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?					1	
DISCUSSION: The project would add five residential units to substantial increase to the City population.	the City	of San Jose,	which wo	ould no	ot represer	
XIII. PUBLIC SERVICES - Would the project:						
a) Result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, the need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services:						
Fire Protection?			$\boxtimes$		1,2	
Police Protection?			$\boxtimes$		1,2	
Schools?					1,2	
Parks?					1,2	
Other Public Facilities?				П	1,2	
DISCUSSION: Existing public services in the area are adequate increase in population resulting from this infill development proexisting public services in the area.  XIV. RECREATION  (a) Would the project increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?	ject will					
o) Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities that might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?				$\boxtimes$	1,2	
DISCUSSION: The residents of the proposed project are expected local recreational facilities. The applicant is required, as a standar a contribution to fund future parks or improvements to existing p	ard condit	ion of new res				
XV. TRANSPORTATION / TRAFFIC - Would the pr	oject:		1	,		
a) Cause an increase in traffic which is substantial in relation to the existing traffic load and capacity of the street system (i.e., result in a substantial increase in either the number of vehicle trips, the volume to capacity ratio of roads, or congestion at intersections)?					1,2,19	
b) Exceed, either individually or cumulatively, a level of service standard established by the county congestion management agency for designated roads or highways?					1,2,19	
c) Result in a change in air traffic patterns, including either an increase						

in traffic levels or a change in location that results in substantial

safety risks?

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d) Substantially increase hazards due to a design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible land uses (e.g., farm equipment)?					1,19			
e) Result in inadequate emergency access?					1,20			
f) Result in inadequate parking capacity?				$\boxtimes$	1,18			
g) Conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs supporting alternative transportation (e.g., bus turnouts, bicycle racks)?				$\boxtimes$	1,2,18			
DISCUSSION: The 5-unit project is exempt from the City's Traffor emergency vehicles will be provided on the site.			.OS) Polic	ey. Ad	equate acc			
XVI. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS - Would	the proje	ect:	T	1 1				
a) Exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board?					1,15			
b) Require or result in the construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?					1,2,21			
c) Require or result in the construction of new stormwater drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of					1,17			
which could cause significant environmental effects?  d) Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project from existing entitlements and resources, or are new or expanded entitlements needed?					1,22			
e) Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments?					1,21			
f) Be served by a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project's solid waste disposal needs?					1,21			
g) Comply with federal, state, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste?					1,21			
DISCUSSION: An increase in impervious surfaces may cause an increase in storm water run-off. Prior to the issuance of a Public Works Clearance, the project will be required to provide any necessary improvements to reduce the advers impacts to an acceptable level, to the satisfaction of the Director of Public Works. The project will be conditioned to comply with the San Jose Municipal Code requirements related to the sewage treatment capacity.  XVII. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE								
a) Does the project have the potential to (1) degrade the quality of the environment, (2) substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, (3) cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, (4) threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, (5) reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal, or (6) eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?					1,10			
b) Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? "Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects and the effects of other current projects.					1,16			

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c) Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?				1

#### **DISCUSSION OF IMPACTS:**

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### 4. Geology and Soils

The project site is within the State of California Seismic Hazard Zone.

#### 5. Hydrology and Water Quality

The increased amount of on-site impervious surface resulting from the project may affect the on-site drainage or increase the existing amount of runoff from the site.

## 6. Noise

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The project shall include standard and special engineering techniques as specified in the Uniform Building Code. A soil investigation report addressing the potential hazard of liquefaction must be submitted to and accepted by the City Engineering Geologist prior to the issuance of the Planned Development Permit. The investigation should be consistent with the guidelines published by the State of California (CDMG Spec. Publ.117) and the Southern California Earthquake Center ("SCEC" report). A recommended depth of 50 feet shall be explored an evaluated in the investigation.

# 5. Hydrology and Water Quality

The project will incorporate mitigation measures to minimize urban run-off. The mitigation measures include a storm water run-off management plan for construction activities to satisfaction of Department of Public Works, and compliance with all applicable City, Local, Regional, State and Federal laws. The project shall conform to the City of San Jose National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Storm Water Permit and shall include Best Management Practices (BMPs) as specified in the *Blueprint for a Clean Bay* to control the discharge of storm water pollutants including sediments associated with construction activities. Prior to the issuance of a grading permit, the applicant may be required to submit an Erosion Control Plan to the City project Engineer. The Erosion Control Plan may include BMPs as specified by the Association of Bay Area Governments' Manual of Standards Erosion & Sediment Control Measures for reducing impacts on the City's storm drainage system from construction activities. For additional information about the Erosion Control Plan, the NPDES permit requirements, or the documents mentioned above, please call the Department of Public Works at (408) 277-5161.

## 6. Noise

- b) Construct an 8.5 ft. high acoustically-effective barrier along the property line contiguous with Narvaez Avenue. Turn the barrier to connect air-tight to the side of the house on Lot 1 and continue the barrier along the rear property line of Lot 1 at 8 ft. high, along the rear property of Lot 2 at 7 ft. high and along the rear property lines of Lots 3 and 4 at 6 ft. high. The barrier heights are in reference to the nearest building pad elevation. Construct 6 ft. high acoustically-effective barriers at the north and south sides of Lot 5. Turn the barriers to connect air-tight to the sides of the house. Construct 6 ft. high acoustically-effective barriers between the homes on Lots 1-4. Maintain closed at all times all windows of second floor and unshielded (not behind a noise barrier) first floor living spaces with a direct or side view of Highway 87. Install windows rated minimum Sound Transmission Class (STC) 31. Provide mechanical ventilation.
- d) To reduce the temporary increase in noise due to construction activities, the project will be conditioned to include proper equipment mufflers, maintenance of equipment, and limitation of construction hours. Noise construction operations shall be scheduled for the daytime hours of 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM Monday through Friday so as to avoid the more sensitive evening, nighttime, and weekend hours. With these mitigation measures, the project's temporary construction noise impacts will be reduced to less-than-significant levels

## CHECKLIST REFERENCES

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- 5. State of California's Geo-Hazard maps / Alquist Priolo Fault maps

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- 7. San Jose Historic Resources Inventory
- 8. City of San Jose Archeological Sensitivity Maps
- 9. FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map, Santa Clara County, 1986
- 10. California Department of Fish & Game, California Natural Diversity Database, 2001
- 11. City of San Jose Heritage Tree Survey Report
- 12. California Environmental Protection Agency Hazardous Waste and Substances Sites List, 1998
- 13. City of San Jose Noise Exposure Map for the 2020 General Plan
- 14. BAAQMD CEQA Guidelines, Bay Area Air Quality Management District. April 1996, revised 1999.
- 15. San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board 1995 Basin Plan
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- 17. Santa Clara Valley Water District
- 18. City of San Jose Title 20 Zoning Ordinance
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